

# Marine Spatial Planning in Practice

## Transitioning from planning to implementation

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# UNEP propositions..

- Marine conservation can be a key part of the Green Economy Approach, where the businesses generated through marine conservation provide green jobs and low carbon emissions.
- MPAs cannot be ‘islands of conservation’ if we are to have food security and lift people out of poverty, and provide for sustainable development.
- We need to be able to optimise and measure the effect of future investments in marine spatial planning, including success in embedding MPAs in wider MSP or land-use planning across sectors.

# 'MSP in Practice Initiative' Goals

- Understand the enabling conditions that contribute to effective transitioning from MSP planning into implementation
- Learn common challenges that could be overcome through learning and knowledge-sharing

# Key questions

Thinking about the transition from planning to implementation:

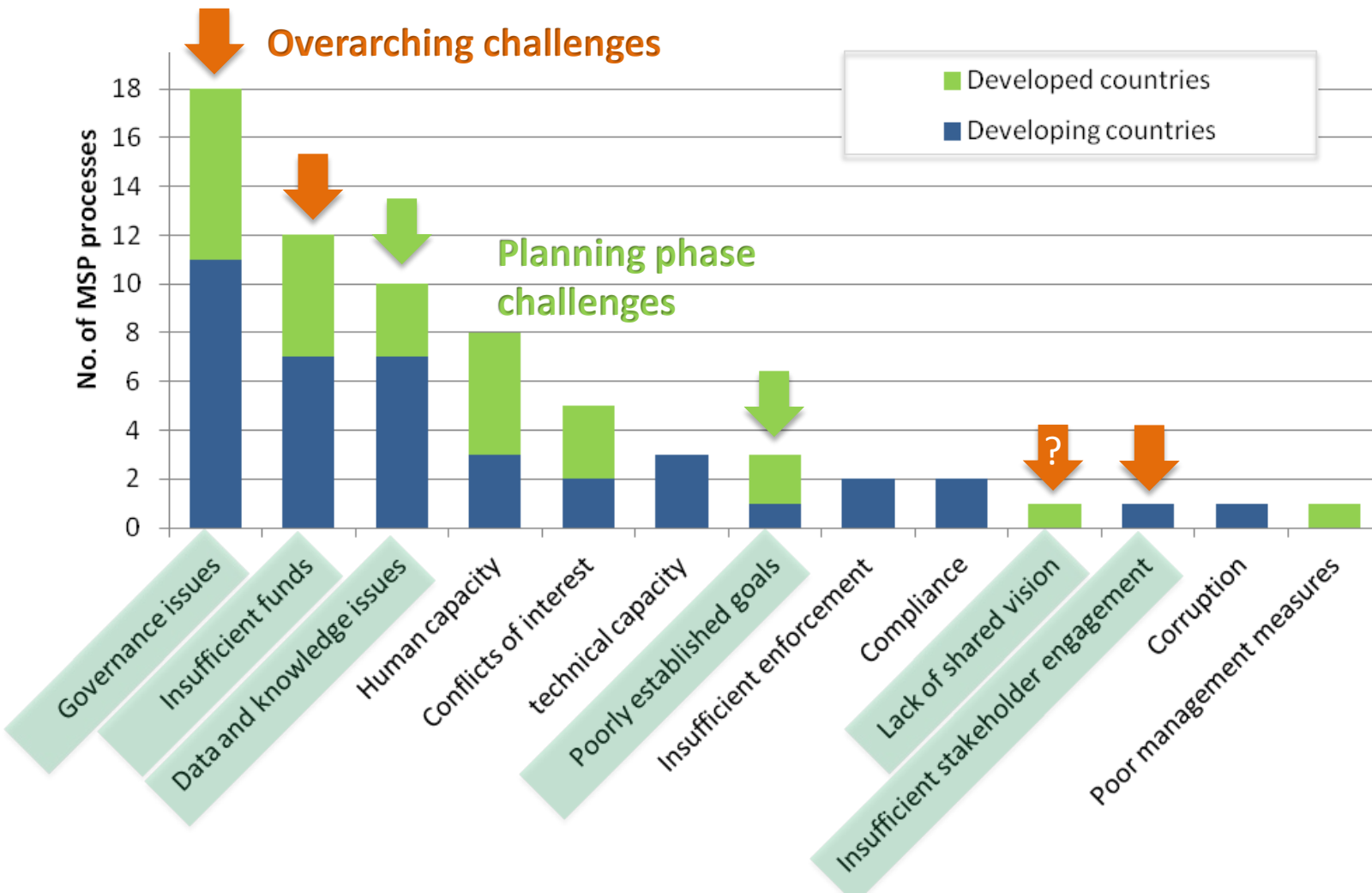
1. What are the **challenges or constraints** that managers experience?
2. What are the **enabling factors**?
3. Are those critical planning elements **context-specific**?
4. How can **lessons be shared** between MSP initiatives in different context?
5. What are **key capacity building areas** to assist more efficient and effective transitions?

# Methodology



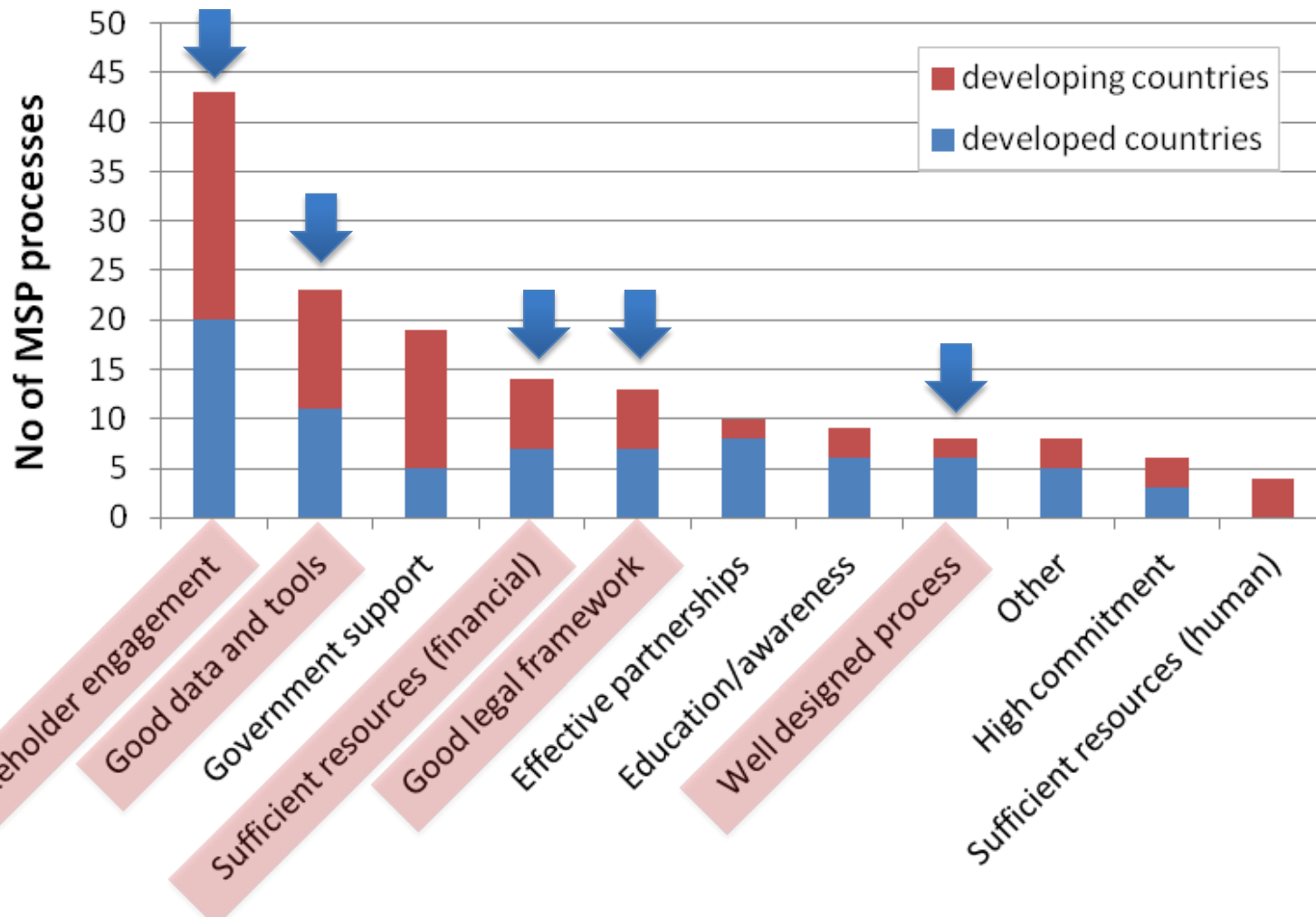
# Results - Challenges

What are the challenges practitioners face when moving from planning to implementation?



# Results – Enabling conditions

What are the enabling factors for successful implementation?



# Supporting practical MSP application

## How do the enabling factors for MSP processes vary by context?

- **Better document** the enabling factors of specific MSP processes
- **Understand the drivers of success:** further case study analysis to explore the role of ecological, economic and governance factors in MSP outcomes

## How can we measure outcomes of MSP to guide future initiatives and build capacity?

- **Better understand MSP outcomes:** develop a common analytical framework for MSP progress, adaptation and learning
- **Build capacity for increased success:** pilot the development of governance baselines and outcome progress frameworks at MSP inception